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In response to the office action dated March 12, 2003, amendment and reconsideration of the above application is requested.

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Please cancel claims 4, 5, 11, 12, and 15 without prejudice.

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7. (Amended) A feeding tube and CO_2 detecting machine combination comprising:

an elongated patient feeding tube presenting a distal end adapted for insertion into a patient and a proximal portion designed to remain outside the patient; and

a CO_2 detecting machine operably coupled with said proximal portion of said tube so that the presence of CO_2 adjacent said distal end may be detected when the tube is

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